

## Proposed Removal Action

# Introduction



## ANNOUNCEMENT

## Public Comment Period

Written comments on the draft RAW may be submitted to: Mr. Anthony Espinoza, DTSC Project Manager, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201 and must be **postmarked by February 20, 2003**. The complete RAW report and other related project documents are available for review at the local Information Repositories listed on page 4.

*DTSC is one of six Boards and Departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. The Department's mission is to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality, by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.*

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## Site Description

The site is located on the southeast corner of London Street and Occidental Boulevard. Terminix purchased the property in 1983. The site mostly consists of buildings, concrete, asphalt, a small grassy area north of the office building and some bare soil just south of the office building. The site buildings include an office building, a warehouse facility and a garage. The facility was used for commercial pest control operations from approximately 1963 to 2000. In 2000, Terminix moved its operations to a facility in Burbank, California.

Onsite commercial pest control operations have consisted of pesticide storage and mixing, tank filling and equipment washing. Prior to 1983, the former owners of the site, Master Pest Control, conducted operations similar to Terminix.

## Site Investigation

Terminix began environmental investigations in 1999. In 2002, Terminix signed on to the Voluntary Cleanup Program with DTSC to further investigate the property and determine the most appropriate method of cleanup.

Previous investigations involved collecting samples from different areas on the site in October 1999 and March 2001. Four surface soil samples and five samples from below the surface were collected in 1999. Additional soil samples were collected to determine the extent of pesticide impact.

## Site Investigation Results

The investigations determined that some of the pesticides used in past daily operations have impacted the soil. In addition, the sampling analysis also identified fuel-related compounds in the vicinity of a former underground storage tank. A health risk assessment was conducted and it was determined that these pesticides could possibly pose a health risk in the future if the contaminated soil is not cleaned. **The site will be cleaned up to meet the goals obtained from the health risk assessment.**

While pesticides in the soil at the site do not currently pose a risk to people, they could pose a potential risk if the use of property changes.

## Removal Action Workplan Scope

The Terminix draft Removal Action Workplan, prepared in September 2002, identifies and analyzes possible removal action alternatives. Removal action alternatives were evaluated on the basis of their effectiveness, ability to implement, and cost. Screening of several cleanup techniques using these criteria was conducted to select the best alternative for further evaluation. Excavation and Offsite Disposal has been selected as the preferred cleanup alternative. This alternative was selected because it was determined to be the most protective of human health and the environment, easily implemented, and cost effective. Approximately 500 cubic yards (600 tons) of contaminated soil will be removed. The majority of the contaminated soil to be removed exists approximately 1 to 3 feet below ground surface.

## Proposed Removal Action Activities

The soil removal fieldwork will be conducted by environmental professionals (EnSafe Inc.) and selected cleanup contractors with DTSC oversight. Soil removal areas will be fenced to reduce the potential for unauthorized people to enter the work area. Weather and daylight permitting, the excavation will take place during the approximate hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Conventional construction equipment, such as a front-end loader equipped with a backhoe, will be used to remove the soil. The soil will be loaded directly into trucks whenever possible. When trucks are not available, the soil will be covered and temporarily stockpiled at designated areas and then loaded into trucks and transported to an approved offsite disposal facility. Approximately 10 trucks per day will leave the site. The removal is estimated to take two weeks. The trucks will exit the site on London Street, right on Bellevue Avenue and to the 101 North Freeway.

In order to control dust from moving off-site, the soil in the work areas will be lightly sprayed. Water mist may also be used on soil placed in the trucks. The trucks will move slowly while on the property. In addition, the trucks will be covered after the soil is loaded, to prevent the soil from spilling out of the truck. Air monitoring will be conducted during the excavation to limit potential exposure to surrounding residents.

Confirmation samples will be taken upon completion of the removal work and analyzed to ensure that the site-specific cleanup goals were obtained. Then the removal areas will be filled with clean soil.

### Notice of Exemption (NOE)

The DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The NOE document states that the project will not have a negative effect on the environment because of the short project duration, the relatively small amount of pesticide-contaminated soil, and the controlled manner in which contaminated soils will be removed, loaded onto trucks and taken away for disposal.

### What Happens Next?

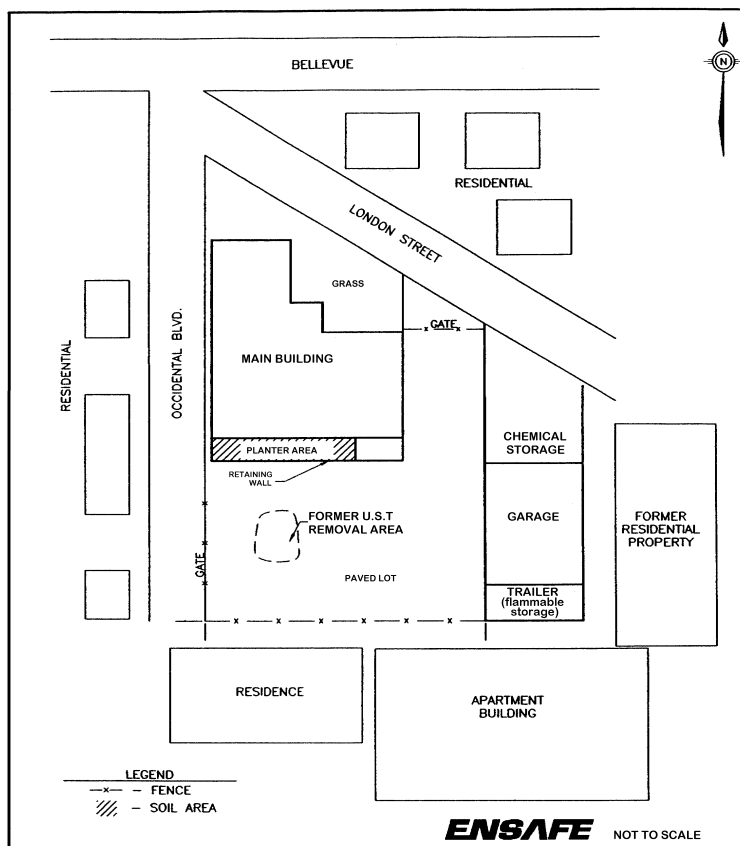
Before making a final decision on the draft RAW, the DTSC will receive comments during the **30-day public comment period**, which begins on January 21, 2003 and ends on February 20, 2003. Comments may be submitted in writing to: *Mr. Anthony Espinoza, Project Manager, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201.*

Written comments must be postmarked by February 20, 2003.

After the public comment period, DTSC will evaluate all the comments submitted, modify (if required) and approve the RAW. The removal action fieldwork, including soil removal and transport of soil and confirmation soil sampling will take about two weeks.

### Community Survey

The DTSC encourages community members to participate in the decision-making process. In an effort to involve the community, the DTSC has enclosed a brief community survey. Please return the survey by February 1, 2003, in the enclosed envelope to let us know your concerns, questions, and additional ideas for public outreach. Due to this very short notice, the DTSC will accept comments by telephone at (818) 551-2917. Additional public participation activities may be conducted based on the level of community interest in the facility cleanup and response to the enclosed community survey.



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### ***For More Information***

#### **DTSC Contact:**

If you have questions regarding the investigation or the proposed RAW please contact:

**Anthony Espinoza, DTSC Project Manager, (818) 551-2948 [AEspinoz@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:AEspinoz@dtsc.ca.gov)**  
Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, (818) 551-2917 [MAkula@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:MAkula@dtsc.ca.gov)  
Jeanne Garcia, Media Contact, (818) 551-2176 [Jgarcia@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Jgarcia@dtsc.ca.gov)

Si desea información **en español**, comuníquese con el: Sr. Eloy Florez, Especialista en Participación Pública de el DTSC, al (818) 551-2875 [Eflorez@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Eflorez@dtsc.ca.gov)

#### **Terminix Contact:**

For information related to the facility please call: Kip Barnett, EnSafe Inc. (environmental contractor) at 1-901-372-7962 or 1-800-588-7962

**The Draft RAW, NOE and other project documents are available for public review at the following locations:**

Felipe De Neve Public Library  
2820 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90057  
Phone: (213) 384-7676  
Hours:

Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday 12 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Closed Sundays and Holidays

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Regional Records Office  
1011 N. Grandview Avenue  
Glendale, CA 91201  
Phone: (818) 551-2886  
Contact: Jone Barrio  
Hours:  
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### **NOTICE TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED:**

*You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Maya Akula at (818) 551-2917 regarding the draft RAW for the Terminix site.*

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If you have any comments concerning the proposed **Terminix Company draft Removal Action Workplan** please fill in the information below and mail by February 20, 2003 to: *Mr. Anthony Espinoza, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 1011 Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201*. Please include your name and address if you wish to receive a copy of the Response to Comments.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ (optional) E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Comments (attach additional pages if needed)

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**TERMINIX COMPANY**  
**REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN**  
**COMMUNITY SURVEY**  
*(Please return by February 1, 2003)*

1. What is your level of concern or interest about the information presented in the fact sheet about the environmental investigations and the proposed soil removal action?

☐ No Concern      ☐ Low Concern      ☐ Moderate Concern      ☐ High Concern

2. What languages are spoken in the community near the site?
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3. Can you suggest any other person or groups that might be interested in receiving information about this site or the work proposed for it?
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4. What is the best way to provide you with information?

\_\_\_\_ Fact sheets or letters    \_\_\_\_ Community meetings    \_\_\_\_ Fact sheets and meetings

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

5. If we hold a meeting to better inform members of the public about this project, can you suggest a convenient location for such a meeting?
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6. Please give us any other concerns or comments you would like to make about the environmental investigation and the proposed soil removal action:
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7. Are you interested in being considered for a follow-up interview? If yes, please provide name and telephone number so that we can contact you.

☐ Yes                      ☐ No

☐ Please place me on the mailing list to receive all future material related to this project.

☐ Please remove my name from the mailing list.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Affiliation (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this in the postage-paid envelope to:

Maya Akula

Department of Toxic Substances Control

1011 North Grandview Ave., Glendale, CA 91201

Please note: While mailing lists are solely for DTSC use, they are considered public records and may be subjected to release upon request.